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CLERK: Mr. President, committee amendments are pending. Senator Chambers has the next amendment to the committee amendments. Senator, I have the one that begins on page 1, line 16, strike the word "wine." (FA96, Legislative Journal page 970.)

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Mr. Clerk.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your amendment to the committee amendments.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is what I call my religious tolerance amendment. If you look at page 1 of the committee amendments, in line 16 they talk about wine used for sacramental purposes. Above that, though, we have this language: the premises of a church or other religious organization. So they're acknowledging that something other than a church may be a place where religious activities of an organized kind will come. But then they limit the kind of alcoholic beverage which can be used to wine and the purposes must be sacramental. So why are you going to recognize the existence of other types of religions, but then they must use the Christian alcoholic beverage in a Christian service or they are in violation of the law if they let their children learn how to drink at church. What better place than a religious setting to teach somebody to drink? I'd like to ask Senator Dwite Pedersen a question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Dwite Pedersen, would you respond?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Dwite Pedersen, currently a young person cannot drink liquor in streets, alleys, roads, highways. Do you agree that they should not be drinking liquor in streets, alleys, roads and highways?

SENATOR Dw. PEDERSEN: Yes, Senator Chambers, I do.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: But they can drink in church and other